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### MR. HUGH JOHNSON MAYOR

At a call meeting of the town  
commissioners Saturday night Mr.  
Hugh Johnson was elected mayor.  
Mr. Johnson is the popular  
assistant cashier of the Scotland  
Neck Bank and chairman of the  
Red Cross Chapter here. He is  
also treasurer of the Baptist 75  
million campaign fund here and  
assistant superintendent of the  
Baptist Sunday school. Mr. John-  
son succeeds Mr. Robert C. Josey  
Jr. who has been the acting mayor  
since Mr. R. G. Shackell left and  
who has been filling the place  
most acceptably.

Mayor Johnson will fill out the  
unexpired term of Mr. Shackell  
which holds until May 1921.

The people of the town are to be  
congratulated on the action of  
our city fathers in the selection of  
Mr. Hugh Johnson.

### GERMANY

The world has been watching  
Germany since the internal lid  
blew off and has been wondering  
what the final outcome will be—  
whether it will result in a stable  
and orderly government, or fol-  
low the lead of Russia and go  
over to bolshevistic rule. A lull  
in the storm does not necessarily  
mean an end to trouble—it may  
be only the prelude to more vi-  
olent outbreaks. Most people,  
however, are convinced that the  
vacillation of the allies in dealing  
with Germany is responsible for  
the present unrest. It has caused  
the old and arrogant military  
caste to believe that they can  
bluff the allies into quiescence in  
the event of their overthrowing  
the government, and they will  
never rest until they are again  
firmly seated in power. Candor,  
too, compels us to admit that they  
are not entirely without reason  
in so thinking. The end is now-  
where in sight.

### THE STORY OF ADMIRAL KOLCHAK'S DEATH

has at last come from Siberia. Af-  
ter his army gave way to the  
Russian Reds the Admiral's troops  
as was previously reported, sur-  
rendered him to the Bolsheviks  
near Irkutsk. Then there was a  
rumor that the Admiral was like-  
ly to be rescued by a nearby  
band of Cossacks and the Bolsh-  
eviki decided to take no chances.  
From two American officers who  
were in Irkutsk at the time comes  
this report: At three o'clock on  
the morning of February 7th the  
Admiral was awakened and told  
that he would be shot at 5. He  
arose, dressed himself in full uni-  
form, drank a cup of tea, and  
wrote two letters. At 5 o'clock  
he was taken out into the jail  
yard, where he was stripped to the  
waist. Asked if he wished to be  
blindfolded, he answered 'No'—  
snapped at attention, and faced  
his executioners—twenty riflemen.  
At the command they pulled their

triggers and Kolchak fell to the  
ground, pierced by twenty bul-  
lets. The executioners were then  
told whom they had killed, and  
they cheered.

While Kolchak was successful  
neither as a civil administrator  
nor as a military leader, his inte-  
grity is unimpugned. He did  
his best for his country and died  
like a hero, and it was no fault  
of his that the Reds are trium-  
phant in Russia and Siberia.

Sorry, dear reader, but this  
town is getting distressingly good.  
We haven't a single scandal to  
dish up this week.

The town man who cultivates  
every inch of his garden space  
realizes a valuable dual crop from  
that ground—inexpensive food  
and an improvement in his consti-  
tutional development.

When you speak a kind word  
to a child on one of our streets  
it soon passes from your memory.  
But not so with the child. That  
kind word and others like them  
are remembered and treasured,  
and exert a beneficial influence in  
moulding the future character of  
that child. Big things grow from  
little beginnings, and we can do  
much to improve the future of  
our community by using kindness  
and friendliness in greeting the  
little ones when we meet them.



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